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Link Bombs To Soledad Brother

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Powerful bombs ripped two State Department of Corrections offices today in San Francisco and Sacramento, and a Department of Rehabilitation office in San Mateo.

The blasts, which authorities said apparently were coordinated, caused extensive damage.

No injuries were reported.

The San Francisco blast in the historic waterfront Ferry Building came after an anonymous phone caller said the bomb was planted there "in defense of Jackson."

Soledad Brother George Jackson, 29, died with five other men in a San Quentin breakout attempt just one week ago.

In Sacramento, an anonymous woman caller saying she was a Weatherman member warned a phone operator that a large bomb was planted in the 17-story state office building tower.

The first bomb in the series exploded at 12:07 a.m. in the State Department of Rehabilitation office in San Mateo. The Sacramento blast followed at 2:02 a.m. and the San Francisco explosion at 2:09 a.m., both at Department of Corrections buildings.

Police estimated damage at \$50,000 in the Ferry building offices. No estimates were available in Sacramento or San Mateo.

In San Francisco police said two warning calls came minutes before the second floor psychiatric out-patient clinic for parolees was demolished in the ferry building.

Inspector Don Hansen said

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the device had been planted in a three-foot high crawlway above a false acoustical tile ceiling.

Hansen said the bomb apparently destroyed all evidence of the bomb itself. He said he believed it was a dynamite charge to which a timing device had been attached.

In Sacramento a woman's voice said "This is a Weatherman. There is a large explosive device at 714 P Street. Don't move it."

Minutes later the blast shattered a sixth floor women's restroom, rupturing several water mains.

State police officers found water pouring down elevator shafts.

The blast knocked out one

restroom wall and buckled elevator doors 10 feet across a corridor, State Police Sgt. Robert Reis said.

Water damage was reported in offices from the sixth down to the ground floor, officers said.

The San Mateo bomb knocked down several interior walls in the single story structure housing the State Department of Rehabilitation office. The office administers vocational services for the handicapped.

San Mateo police sealed off the area while a U.S. Treasury Department bomb squad searched for clues. The rehabilitation office is about five miles from Internal Revenue Service offices where a bomb blast last Sunday caused \$75,000

damage.